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SUBJECT: GOVERNOR SAMBWA PREPARES FOR LONDON MEETING

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1. AUG 21 CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR SAMBWA HOSTED LUNCHEON ATTENDED BY TSHIBWABWA, CHIEF OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE DIVISION OF CENTRAL BANK, MINISTER OF FINANCE BOFOSSA, MUANDA, DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY OF FINANCE, AND LEADING LOCAL REPS OF BRITISH, AMERICAN AND BELGIAN BANKS. CITIBANK REP ANSELL TOLD EMBOFF THAT LUNCHEON WAS ROUTINE EXCEPT FOR REPEATED PLEAS BY SAMBWA TO EFFECT THAT BANKERS NOT BE "HOSTILE" TO ZAIRE AT SCHEDULED SEPT 2 LONDON MEETING BETWEEN GOZ AND BANKERS.

2. COMMENT: AS DEPT IS AWARE, THERE HAS LONG BEEN RIVALRY BETWEEN GOVERNOR SAMBWA AND DIRECTOR OF THE PRESIDENCY BISENGIMANA, WHO ATTENDED JUNE PARIS DEBT RESCHEDULING MEETING. AGREEMENT CONCLUDED AT PARIS MEETING WAS REPORTEDLY PUSHED THROUGH BY BISENGIMANA AND CHAIRMAN NEBOT AGAINST WISHES OF A
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NUMBER OF REPS OF OTHER COUNTRIES WHO FELT THAT INSUFFICIENT

DATA HAD BEEN PRESENTED AND THUS AGREEMENT WAS PREMATURE. NEVERTHELESS, WE UNDERSTAND BISENGIMANA CLAIMED CREDIT, AT LEAST TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU, FOR HAVING ACHIEVED AN AGREEMENT WHICH HE PRESENTED AS HIGHLY FAVORABLE TO ZAIRE. WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED NUMEROUS REPORTS FROM HIGH GOZ OFFICIALS THAT BISENGIMANA WAS EXTREMELY CRITICAL OF WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS THE UNCOOPERATIVE POSITION TAKEN BY U.S. DELEGATION AT PARIS MEETING. THE BISENGIMANA/SAMBWA RIVALRY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE ONE OF THE MANY FACTORS AFFECTING THE SEPT 2 LONDON MEETING. SPECIFICALLY, SAMBWA MAY FEEL UNDER PRESSURE TO ACHIEVE "FAVORABLE" AGREEMENT COMPARABLE TO THAT OBTAINED BY BISENGIMANA.

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